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TAGS: PFOR, IZ, JO, SA
SUBJ: IRAQIS ALLEGEDLY RECRUITING JORDAN TRIBESMEN TO FIGHT SAUDIS

REF: AMMAN 2280

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED UNVERIFIED REPORT RE ALI RASHID WITH SAUDI AMBASSADOR KUHAIMY, TAKING CARE TO AVOID COMPROMISE OF BRITISH SOURCE . KUHAIMY SAID HE HAD NOT RPT NOT HEARD STORY BUT IT SOUNDED QUITE PLAUSIBLE; HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION AND INTENDED TO CHECK IT OUT WITH HUWAITAT
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AND OTHER CONTACTS IN ORDER TO WARN SAG IF RESULTS WARRANTED.

2. KUHAIMY REVIEWED RECENT SAUDI- IRAQI BORDER PROBLEMS, COVERING APPROXIMATELY SAME GROUND AS PREVIOUS EMBASSY JIDDA REPORTS . HE ADDED THAT IRAQI GOVT BEHIND CERTAIN RECENT EFFORTS TO SABOTAGE PIPELINE. TECHNIQUE IS TO PAY IRAQUI TRIBSEMEN TO INFILTRATE SAUDI TERRITORY, IF THEY CAUGHT, GOI CAN ATTACH BLAME TO TRIBES OR FEDAYEEN. GOI CONCURRENTLY HAS NUMBER OF TRIBESEMEN/ SABATOURS ON PERMANENT " RETAINER" RANGING BETWEEN 30 AND 50 IRAQI DINARS PER MONTH. LEADER OF KNOWN GROUP IS SHAIKH NAMED SA' UD AR- RASHID. AMB . HAS NOT HEARD OF ALI RASHID, BUT NAME IS LIKELY ONE AND IRAQIS WOULD HAVE GOOD REASON TO RECRUIT AMONG JUWAITAT, WHO INHABIT BOTH JORDANIAN AND SAUDI TERRITORY. HE FELT THAT SOME MEMBERS OF TRIBE COULD BE LURED BY 30 TO 50 DINAR MONTHLY STIPEND. KUHAIMY AGREED THAT GOJ WOULD TAKE SWIFT ACTION IF ANY SUCH RECRUITING DISCOVERED. SAID HE WOULD INFORM US IF HIS SOURCES HAVE ANYTHING TO CONTRIBUTE. BRUBECK
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